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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE REDUCTION OF ADMISSIONS & AMUSEMENT TAX

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners voted yesterday to reduce all categories of the admissions and amusement tax rate from five to zero percent, effective February 1, 2013.

The following taxed activities are examples of categories the board reduced: motion pictures, coinoperated amusements, amusement rides, golf cart rentals, driving range, billiards (non-coin), non coin-operated amusements, golf and green fees, and miniature golf.

The financial implication to the FY2014 budget is an estimated reduction of \$818,000.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "We believe our citizens want us to reduce the burden and role of government and this action on the admissions and amusement tax is one more example of how we are working to provide our citizens with financial relief in every area we can find, no matter how small or large. We appreciate the initiative of Commissioner Kirby Delauter in bringing this item before the board for consideration."

Commissioner Delauter added, "I am pleased that the board has approved the reduction in this tax.

These types of government proposals have been incremental over a long period and most people don't even know they're paying them. This is one more way to take the burdens off the back of the taxpayers and I'm all for that."

The proposal would affect only the unincorporated areas of Frederick County and in the incorporated municipalities of Burkettsville, Myersville and Rosemont.

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